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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION DECEMBER 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT UP SLIGHTLY

The State's civilian labor force was relatively unchanged between October and November, as back-to-school staffing was completed in October and hiring for Christmas was just beginning. Unemployment rose moderately in the actual series, with an additional 12,400 job-seekers entering the labor force over the month. Unemployment totaled 435,100 in mid-November, as the rate inched upward from 5.3 percent in October to 5.4 percent in November.

The current rate was substantially below the year-ago rate of 6.8 percent, and was the lowest for any November since 1979. Total employment in the actual series declined somewhat over the month, as the number of resident job-holders totaled 7,549,000 in November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,115.0	114,250.0	112,147.0
Unemployment	7,869.0	7,989.0	9,129.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.0	8.1
Total Employment	106,246.0	106,261.0	103,018.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,026.0	114,017.0	112,035.0
Unemployment	8,154.0	8,431.0	9,429.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.4	8.4
Total Employment	105,872.0	105,586.0	102,606.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,984.1	8,051.2	7,665.9
Unemployment	435.1	422.7	521.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.3	6.8
Total Employment	7,549.0	7,628.5	7,144.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,991.0	8,047.0	7,657.0
Unemployment	454.0	456.0	533.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.7	7.0
Total Employment	7,537.0	7,591.0	7,124.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate remained stable between October and November at 5.7 percent. The Nation's adjusted rate declined slightly, from 7.4 percent to 7.2 percent, over the month. A smaller change occurred in the actual U. S. rate, which slid from 7.0 percent in October to 6.9 percent in November.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES

Solely on the strength of employment gains in the nonmanufacturing sector, the count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs rose by 14,700 over the month, totaling 6,413,400 in mid-November. A large portion of the increase was seasonal in nature, as employers began hiring for Christmas.

Leading the gains was retail trade, which generated over 10,000 jobs between October and November, as staffing for Christmas began. General merchandise stores contributed the largest number of hires, but apparel and accessory stores and other retail trade (which includes jewelry and toy stores) also showed sizeable growth. More moderate gains occurred among food stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,900	58,000	58,100	79,700	79,600	78,600	308,300	306,600	288,500
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,400	9,100	9,200	9,600	36,400	36,400	34,000
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,700	3,700	4,000	21,300	21,100	17,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,200	8,100	8,100
Trade	15,200	15,200	15,100	24,400	24,300	23,300	70,100	69,300	65,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,300	19,500	19,500	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,400	14,900	14,800	14,500	63,000	62,800	58,400
Government	9,800	9,800	9,500	14,600	14,600	14,400	88,900	88,500	86,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	140,900	141,200	140,900	62,900	62,800	63,300	48,700	49,000	46,600
Manufacturing	30,800	31,100	31,900	10,200	10,300	10,900	3,200	3,200	3,000
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,100	9,300	10,000	3,400	3,300	3,600	3,300	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,700	11,500	3,200	3,300	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	34,400	34,000	33,300	17,600	17,300	17,400	10,600	10,700	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,000	2,000	1,900
Services & Misc.	26,400	26,800	25,900	11,200	11,300	11,000	6,900	6,900	6,600
Government	20,200	20,000	20,200	14,100	14,100	14,000	19,800	19,900	19,000
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,200	130,700	127,300	1679.1	1678.7	1613.2	169,800	169,800	164,600
Manufacturing	14,700	14,800	14,200	316.9	321.6	311.0	39,300	39,500	36,100
Mining	7,400	7,500	7,100	28.1	28.0	28.3	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,700	9,600	103.5	103.3	99.6	9,200	9,200	8,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,400	7,500	101.0	100.6	97.5	9,400	9,700	9,800
Trade	33,100	33,200	32,000	455.6	450.8	437.4	41,700	41,100	39,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,400	6,500	140.5	140.1	129.7	7,900	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,400	24,500	23,800	340.7	342.8	320.4	28,000	27,900	27,700
Government	27,100	27,200	26,600	192.8	191.5	189.3	34,300	34,400	34,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	71,400	71,400	69,200	1534.8	1530.8	1509.0	63,700	63,700	61,000
Manufacturing	10,000	9,900	10,500	198.0	198.3	197.2	8,700	8,900	8,600
Mining	800	800	700	101.4	100.8	98.2	--	--	--
Construction	4,300	4,400	4,400	124.9	123.4	136.8	3,800	3,800	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	5,700	6,100	106.4	106.3	104.7	3,200	3,100	3,000
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,600	375.0	373.6	366.2	15,500	15,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	111.2	110.9	104.9	2,600	2,600	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,400	10,500	332.7	332.7	318.5	11,400	11,400	11,100
Government	22,200	22,300	19,900	185.2	184.8	182.5	18,500	18,600	17,900

2/ In Thousands

The government sector added over 7,000 jobs over the month, with expansion in all segments. Local and state government continued to add workers in the education sector, as additional substitute teachers and student aides were hired. In the federal segment, the Post Office began augmenting its work force in anticipation of the Christmas rush.

Mining employment rose over the month for the first time since August. Over 1,000 jobs were added, with oil and gas extraction providing most of the expansion. Finance, insurance and real estate recorded a moderate gain over the month, with the primary growth occurring among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. Transportation and public utilities changed very little over the month, with an increase of 300 in transportation, except railroads, countered by smaller losses in railroad transportation and in electric, gas and sanitary services.

Intermixed gains and losses brought employment in services to a virtual standstill in November. The cessation of most outdoor activities was responsible for a sizeable downturn in amusement, including motion pictures. Smaller losses were noted in health services and in hotels and other lodging places over the month. A substantial increase in personal services was not sufficient to overcome these larger decreases.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	31,200	31,000	29,700	67,400	67,300	67,600	93,800	93,100	91,900
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,900	15,000	14,900	14,700	9,500	9,300	9,600
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,700	4,800	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	5,100	4,900	5,000
Trade	9,400	9,500	8,900	17,200	17,100	17,300	27,800	27,500	26,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,500	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	5,000	4,900	4,700	10,900	10,900	11,100	19,300	19,500	19,100
Government	7,300	7,200	7,200	8,500	8,500	8,300	21,800	21,600	21,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	79,600	78,500	79,700	59,400	58,800	51,500	60,800	60,400	56,200
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,400	4,100	4,000	3,600	5,900	5,900	6,100
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,300	13,200	11,000	8,600	8,600	9,000
Construction	4,900	4,900	5,200	3,600	3,700	3,500	4,500	4,500	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,900	3,000	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,800
Trade	24,900	24,000	25,800	14,500	14,300	12,600	19,300	19,100	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,100	3,700	2,400	2,300	2,200
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,100	10,700	10,400	8,800	9,500	9,600	8,300
Government	20,100	20,000	20,000	6,200	6,100	5,400	7,600	7,500	7,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,500	38,300	37,500	464,500	462,100	443,400	35,000	35,000	34,800
Manufacturing	5,600	5,500	5,600	51,500	51,400	49,700	11,700	11,800	11,500
Mining	800	800	900	3,700	3,700	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,400	2,400	2,400	32,300	32,600	31,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,700	18,600	19,000	18,500	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	9,900	9,700	9,000	123,400	121,200	113,900	7,300	7,300	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,400	33,400	31,800	1,400	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,500	100,200	100,100	95,100	6,100	6,100	6,300
Government	6,800	6,800	6,800	101,400	100,700	99,700	4,900	4,900	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	48,300	48,000	46,100	58,400	58,300	57,800	28,300	28,000	28,000
Manufacturing	9,300	9,200	8,600	12,300	12,400	11,900	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,400	2,400	2,600
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,400	2,300	2,500	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,300	11,100	10,700	14,700	14,700	14,600	7,600	7,300	7,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,200	8,300	11,900	11,900	11,600	5,500	5,600	5,200
Government	13,200	13,200	12,800	8,200	8,100	8,100	4,300	4,200	4,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	78,400	78,600	75,900	54,000	53,900	53,500			
Manufacturing	15,700	16,000	15,600	9,600	9,700	9,100			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,300			
Construction	4,100	4,200	4,000	2,100	2,000	2,200			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,400	20,400	19,200	13,600	13,500	13,400			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	18,200	18,100	17,500	9,400	9,400	9,300			
Government	11,900	11,800	11,800	10,700	10,700	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.
3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

For the first time since June, construction employment increased substantially in November. Some 1,100 jobs were created over the month as more favorable economic conditions prevailed. Although construction activity remains strong in some areas of the State (Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth, for example), many other metropolitan areas have "overbuilt" both office space and housing. For many construction workers, therefore, when a current project is completed there is often no new job waiting. As shown by the chart on page 7, this industry has declined significantly during the past two years and shows no immediate signs of turning around.

Declines in several durable and nondurable goods sectors dropped employment in manufacturing by 6,000 over the month. The durable goods group lost 6,800 jobs in November, due primarily to a labor-management dispute in the aircraft and parts segment of transportation equipment which idled 4,600. The slump in construction was partially responsible for the reduced demand and scattered layoffs in lumber and wood products which cut 1,300 positions over the month.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1984*	Oct. 1984**	Nov. 1983**	Change From Oct. 1984	Change From Nov. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,413,400	6,398,700	6,248,500	14,700	164,900
Manufacturing	989,000	995,000	967,200	-6,000	21,800
Durable Goods	570,300	577,100	551,400	-6,800	18,900
Lumber & Wood Products	40,000	41,300	41,000	-1,300	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,400	7,600	-300	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	18,000	18,100	17,200	-100	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,600	48,100	47,200	-500	400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,900	23,100	21,700	-200	1,200
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	35,900	33,600	-500	1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,300	82,500	80,500	-200	1,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,900	44,900	44,600	0	300
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,700	137,500	129,000	200	8,700
Oil Field Machinery	46,600	46,000	41,100	600	5,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	105,100	104,900	96,400	200	8,700
Transportation Equipment	69,100	73,600	72,100	-4,500	-3,000
Aircraft & Parts	32,900	37,500	37,300	-4,600	-4,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	22,900	22,200	0	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,300	12,200	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	418,700	417,900	415,800	800	2,700
Food & Kindred Products	100,200	99,600	97,400	600	2,800
Meat Products	25,300	25,500	25,100	-200	200
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Bakery Products	13,700	13,100	12,100	600	1,600
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,700	59,900	60,900	-200	-1,200
Paper & Allied Products	22,300	22,300	21,700	0	600
Printing & Publishing	72,400	71,800	70,100	600	2,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,500	35,400	400	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,400	77,100	-100	-800
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,200	42,300	43,600	-100	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,000	39,100	40,300	-100	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,100	8,500	100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,600	31,700	-100	800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,424,400	5,403,700	5,281,300	20,700	143,100
Mining	272,600	271,300	262,000	1,300	10,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	262,500	261,400	252,300	1,100	10,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	9,900	9,700	200	400
Construction	402,200	401,100	420,400	1,100	-18,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,000	382,900	376,100	100	6,900
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,300	24,800	-100	400
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,200	183,900	175,900	300	8,300
Transportation by Air	35,000	35,100	35,700	-100	-700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,300	96,600	0	-300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,300	77,400	78,800	-100	-1,500
Electric Services	43,700	43,600	43,900	100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,300	28,500	29,700	-200	-1,400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,614,000	1,603,600	1,578,600	10,400	35,400
Wholesale Trade	444,100	444,000	435,100	100	9,000
Retail Trade	1,169,900	1,159,600	1,143,500	10,300	26,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,000	54,000	52,600	0	1,400
General Merchandise Stores	151,900	147,500	151,800	4,400	100
Food Stores	212,200	211,400	204,100	800	8,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,000	133,800	130,700	200	3,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,200	77,000	79,000	2,200	200
Other Retail Trade	538,600	535,900	525,300	2,700	13,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,700	406,100	396,800	600	9,900
Banking	103,800	103,800	102,500	0	1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	125,200	124,800	122,700	400	2,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,700	177,500	171,600	200	6,100
Services	1,245,300	1,245,500	1,195,300	-200	50,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	77,500	76,200	-200	1,100
Personal Services	78,100	76,300	72,500	1,800	5,600
Business & Repair Services	336,100	335,200	313,200	900	22,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,500	57,200	50,100	-2,700	4,400
Health Services	343,700	344,100	339,600	-400	4,100
Educational Services	68,200	67,300	64,800	900	3,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,400	287,900	278,900	-500	8,500
Total Government	1,100,600	1,093,200	1,052,100	7,400	48,500
Total Federal Government	184,200	183,200	176,900	1,000	7,300
Total State Government	229,900	227,900	220,800	2,000	9,100
Total Local Government	686,500	682,100	654,400	4,400	32,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,300	79,100	77,600	102,700	103,800	100,000	360,000	362,000	330,500
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,900	3,800	4,600	4,500	5,500	10,800	11,200	12,700
Percent Unemployed	3.7	3.7	4.9	4.5	4.3	5.5	3.0	3.1	3.8
Total Employment 2/	75,400	76,200	73,800	98,100	99,300	94,500	349,200	350,800	317,800
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,200	181,000	177,000	93,100	93,000	91,800	59,700	60,300	55,700
Total Unemployment	18,800	17,700	21,000	12,100	11,200	12,500	1,900	1,800	2,000
Percent Unemployed	10.5	9.8	11.9	13.0	12.0	13.6	3.2	3.0	3.6
Total Employment 2/	160,400	163,300	156,000	81,000	81,800	79,300	57,800	58,500	53,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	167,400	169,200	163,600	1,932.6	1,955.7	1,827.9	206,200	206,600	196,000
Total Unemployment	12,200	12,000	16,200	63.9	67.0	80.5	20,700	19,000	20,700
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.1	9.9	3.3	3.4	4.4	10.0	9.2	10.6
Total Employment 2/	155,200	157,200	147,400	1,868.7	1,888.7	1,747.4	185,500	187,600	175,300
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,100	96,400	91,300	1,796.2	1,808.9	1,752.7	78,500	79,700	74,000
Total Unemployment	8,900	8,100	9,000	105.8	103.3	136.6	3,900	4,300	4,200
Percent Unemployed	9.3	8.4	9.9	5.9	5.7	7.8	5.0	5.4	5.7
Total Employment 2/	87,200	88,300	82,300	1,690.4	1,705.6	1,616.1	74,600	75,400	69,800
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,000	38,600	39,300	79,400	80,400	79,600	116,900	117,400	115,700
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,300	8,300	5,600	5,600	7,400	4,900	5,100	8,400
Percent Unemployed	14.9	13.7	21.1	7.1	7.0	9.3	4.2	4.3	7.3
Total Employment 2/	33,200	33,300	31,000	73,800	74,800	72,200	112,000	112,300	107,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	123,700	120,100	117,600	75,600	75,800	65,900	79,500	79,800	73,800
Total Unemployment	26,100	22,800	21,000	2,400	2,500	3,500	3,300	3,200	5,500
Percent Unemployed	21.1	19.0	17.9	3.2	3.3	5.3	4.2	4.0	7.5
Total Employment 2/	97,600	97,300	96,600	73,200	73,300	62,400	76,200	76,600	68,300
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,000	53,000	50,300	543,700	546,800	511,100	41,300	41,700	40,300
Total Unemployment	1,800	2,000	2,600	24,200	24,800	27,700	2,100	2,000	2,600
Percent Unemployed	3.5	3.8	5.2	4.5	4.5	5.4	5.1	4.8	6.5
Total Employment 2/	50,200	51,000	47,700	519,500	522,000	483,400	39,200	39,700	37,700
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,300	54,600	52,000	80,100	80,600	77,900	37,300	37,100	37,300
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,000	4,500	3,600	3,300	4,300	2,000	1,900	3,100
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.3	8.7	4.5	4.1	5.5	5.4	5.1	8.3
Total Employment 2/	50,300	50,600	47,500	76,500	77,300	73,600	35,300	35,200	34,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,500	98,600	91,800	70,100	70,400	68,300	7,984.1	8,051.2	7,665.9
Total Unemployment	4,100	5,000	4,600	3,200	2,900	3,800	435.1	422.7	521.0
Percent Unemployed	4.2	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.1	5.6	5.4	5.3	6.8
Total Employment 2/	92,400	93,600	87,200	66,900	67,500	64,500	7,549.0	7,628.5	7,144.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

NOTICE! SEMINAR ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION COSTS

JANUARY 24, 1984 - THURSDAY - 8:30 to 5:00

The State Highway Building, 11th & Brazos, Austin

If you are interested in reducing job injuries and cutting costs of workers' compenstaion, you should attend this seminar. No Fee. Sponsored by the Job Injury Interagency Council and Avisory Commission.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov.± 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov.± 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$382.30	$377.98	$374.82	41.6	41.4	41.6	$ 9.19	$ 9.13	$ 9.01
Durable Goods	375.23	374.75	365.62	41.6	41.5	41.5	9.02	9.03	8.81
Lumber & Wood Products	261.05	257.11	251.20	40.1	39.8	40.0	6.51	6.46	6.28
Furniture & Fixtures	243.41	238.20	221.95	40.1	39.9	38.4	6.07	5.97	5.78
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	377.52	355.32	361.79	44.0	42.0	43.8	8.58	8.46	8.26
Primary Metal Industries	400.57	405.90	395.21	41.0	41.0	39.6	9.77	9.90	9.98
Fabricated Metal Products	355.97	356.01	364.08	41.2	41.3	41.0	8.64	8.62	8.88
Machinery, exc. Electric	392.20	395.75	367.56	42.4	42.6	42.2	9.25	9.29	8.71
Oil Field Machinery	480.97	488.88	451.31	44.7	45.1	42.9	10.76	10.84	10.52
Electric & Electronic Equip.	386.80	411.87	381.39	40.0	42.2	41.5	9.67	9.76	9.19
Transportation Equipment	514.51	496.65	492.80	43.2	41.7	42.3	11.91	11.91	11.65
Instruments & Rel. Prod.	298.72	290.31	314.02	39.1	38.3	39.4	7.64	7.58	7.97
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	280.14	288.65	296.49	42.0	42.2	41.7	6.67	6.84	7.11
Nondurable Goods	390.52	382.85	385.73	41.5	41.3	41.7	9.41	9.27	9.25
Food & Kindred Products	345.60	334.34	332.56	43.2	42.7	42.8	8.00	7.83	7.77
Meat Products	274.13	281.43	289.68	42.5	43.7	42.6	6.45	6.44	6.80
Malt Beverages	740.01	733.26	661.12	46.6	45.8	44.4	15.88	16.01	14.89
Textile Mill Products	273.21	265.46	264.09	40.9	40.1	41.2	6.68	6.62	6.41
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.34	193.27	184.57	39.0	38.5	37.9	5.06	5.02	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	437.12	439.90	425.93	43.8	44.3	44.6	9.98	9.93	9.55
Printing & Publishing	346.90	349.13	348.30	39.6	39.9	40.5	8.76	8.75	8.60
Chemicals & Allied Products	611.46	606.74	603.83	42.7	42.4	43.1	14.32	14.31	14.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	614.88	560.03	626.97	42.0	40.7	43.6	14.64	13.76	14.38
Petroleum Refining	633.78	575.91	640.76	42.0	40.7	43.5	15.09	14.15	14.73
Leather & Leather Products	193.82	199.97	196.99	36.5	37.1	38.4	5.31	5.39	5.13
Other Nondurable Goods	358.28	369.37	366.75	42.3	42.9	43.3	8.47	8.61	8.47
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	491.11	485.00	475.04	45.6	45.2	46.3	10.77	10.73	10.26
Oil & Gas Extraction	494.30	488.79	479.21	45.6	45.3	46.3	10.84	10.79	10.35
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	427.34	410.26	370.46	46.5	44.4	45.4	9.19	9.24	8.16
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	434.58	439.08	436.85	39.4	39.7	38.9	11.03	11.06	11.23
Elec., Gas & San. Services	443.60	434.81	427.14	40.0	39.6	42.0	11.09	10.98	10.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.22	232.88	233.57	33.9	33.8	34.5	6.85	6.89	6.77
Wholesale Trade	368.52	364.17	363.91	40.1	39.8	40.3	9.19	9.15	9.03
Retail Trade	185.08	187.03	186.95	31.8	31.7	32.4	5.82	5.90	5.77
General Merchandise Stores	159.05	158.42	161.32	29.4	29.5	29.6	5.41	5.37	5.45
Banking	259.07	261.19	246.57	38.9	39.1	39.2	6.66	6.68	6.29

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$362.20	$366.27	$369.93	41.3	41.2	41.8	$ 8.77	$ 8.89	$ 8.85
Durable Goods	373.10	381.51	385.73	41.0	41.2	41.7	9.10	9.26	9.25
Nondurable Goods	339.42	334.93	334.78	41.8	41.4	41.9	8.12	8.09	7.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	486.20	475.00	462.67	44.0	43.3	42.8	11.05	10.97	10.81
Durable Goods	432.99	425.30	403.12	44.5	43.8	42.3	9.73	9.71	9.53
Nondurable Goods	559.86	542.30	536.05	43.4	42.6	43.3	12.90	12.73	12.38
SAN ANTONIO	279.45	273.36	282.15	41.4	40.2	41.8	6.75	6.80	6.75
Manufacturing	302.45	294.88	303.84	42.3	41.3	42.2	7.15	7.14	7.20
Durable Goods	254.52	250.38	260.41	40.4	39.0	41.4	6.30	6.42	6.29
Nondurable Goods									

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

More moderate decreases occurred in stone, clay and glass products, also due in part to lagging construction activity. Primary metal industries also recorded a notable reduction over the month, while smaller declines were noted in fabricated metal industries and in furniture and fixtures.

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Although nondurable goods as a whole managed a small advance, there were mixed increases and decreases within its component industries. The largest of the gains occurred in printing and publishing, as the publishing of books and calendars increased substantially preparatory to Christmas. Employment in bakery products also rose considerably over the month as workers were added to handle increased Holiday orders. Small decreases were fairly widespread throughout other nondurable industries such as apparel and other finished textile products, chemicals and allied products, and petroleum and coal products.

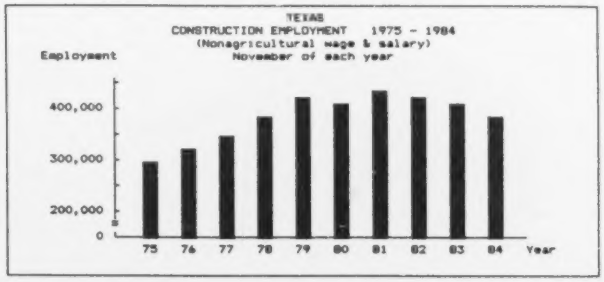
There were an estimated 664,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas in November, a decrease of 3,500 from the October figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS CLIMB

In November, an average manufacturing production worker was working 41.6 hours a week at $9.19 an hour, averaging $382.30 a week. Average weekly hours were up 0.2 hour from October, while average hourly earnings rose 6¢ over the month. Most of the increase in hourly earnings was generated by nondurable goods industries, as more overtime was worked at premium pay in sectors such as petroleum and coal products.

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

Total agricultural employment in Texas was estimated at 168,120 in mid-November. The number of farm workers was down considerably over the year, with the majority of the decline directly attributable to the December 1983 freeze which severly damaged the citrus crops in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.



TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983
Total Population	16,475,200	16,020,800
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.4	1.5
UI Covered Employers	305,190	294,843
Total Claims Actions	461,326	533,732
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,803	65,406
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	394,523	468,326
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.22	$134.67
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$44,906,925	$55,578,639
Total Placements	38,734**	36,365

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
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